

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3731
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
IODINE DEFICIENCY IN KARNATAKA
R.L. JALAPPA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have undertaken survey regarding extent of iodine deficiency in some pockets of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the number of pockets in Karnataka identified as iodine deficient areas;
- (c) whether the Karnataka Government is in favour of mandatory iodisation of salt for direct human consumption;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Surveys conducted by the State Government of Karnataka have revealed that out of 17 districts surveyed, 6 districts are endemic for Iodine Deficiency Disorders.
- (c) to (e) The Government of Karnataka have since banned the sale of non-iodated salt in the entire State, with a view to control the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the State.